

**The Only Square Way**

The tax for the Exposition to be voted on November 19th is the only square way for all who are to share in its benefits—to share in its making. It is insignificant in size—a nickle a week will pay it on a thousand dollars, a room rented one week will pay it, one penny a day out of a hundred thousand pennies will pay it. It is an insurance policy for Portland against unemployment, fifty millions in construction and labor waiting for the vote on November 19th. It means \$200,000,000 new money in Portland in 1925—one million autos, 1200 conventions will bring it. It is the only way to reduce taxes. It will advertise all Oregon, bring in 50,000 more farmers, 1,000,000 dairy cows, and two tax payers where there is one tax payer now. It will start the tourist trade of America to Oregon at the opening of the Atlantic-Pacific Highways, and once started the parade of machines, folks and dollars will keep up for fifty years. It will leave a stronger Portland and a greater Oregon. The Exposition at Chicago saved Chicago in the year of panic; the Exposition at St. Louis brought St. Louis great industries; the Lewis and Clark Fair made the village of Portland a city, the five years since the Exposition in 1915 have brought 1,000,000 new people, doubled postal receipts and trebled bank clearances to San Francisco. Nineteen and twenty-five will give America a new vital program, unite the nations back of highways and reclamation, give the world the Parliament of the Pacific and make Oregon the front door of America to the future of the world.—Reported.

**Regarding the Blumfield Case**

After we murder Brumfield and a few lesser lights, our "conscience will be appeased" and we can settle down to preparing for the 1925 Exposition in a cool and deliberate manner. The condemning of Dr. Brumfield to hang for the murder of Dennis Russell may be just and it may not be just. No one knows but those implicated in the unfortunate affair. The details of the supposed crime were elaborated upon most extensively by all the reporters of the daily papers until the major portion of public sentiment was sure of the guilt of Brumfield, notwithstanding all the evidence was all of a purely circumstantial nature. There are many things that point to the guilt of the doctor. On the other hand there is much to raise serious doubt as to how the wreck of the automobile and the death of Russell did happen. Reading the reports as given out by the papers one could observe that none of the witnesses were very sure of what they did see or hear, some of their stories told at the inquest differing from those told on the witness stand. On the side of doubt there was a possibility that Brumfield had gone to see Russell about blasting out stumps on his ranch, work Russell sometimes did, and that the two imbibed in moonshine and had a disagreement or fight, or that the two in a drunken condition drove wildly about, passing over the bank to the depths below, the dynamite in the car exploding and causing the death of Russell, burning the machine, also the loss of Brumfield's reason. As the state also claimed that Brumfield was intelligent and not insane, it is probable that a sane man would perpetrate such a deed for the sake of beating the insurance companies out of sixteen thousand dollars, which could not possibly do him any good unless his wife was an accomplice, which the state did not dare to insinuate? There are many details in the accounts of the affair that raise a doubt as to just how it did happen. If Brumfield is guilty he should be punished; but why the hurry to hang him under the circumstances? The verdict of the twelve men that he is guilty beyond a reasonable doubt does not make it so, even if it is the law. Whatever the facts may be in this case, or even in that of others, hasty killing of the convicted to satisfy a verdict brought about mainly by stress of public excitement as the result of prejudicial newspaper reports does not appear to be just. Hanging is sometimes necessary to retard an epidemic of crime, but in many cases it appears to be a barbaric usage.—Montavilla Times.

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